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Mario K. Giordano

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Transmitted herewith is a report on Mario K. Giordano.

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SUBJECT: Mario E. Giordano

1. The undersigned first met Giordano in the end of 1949 when the question of whether or not Baltic Legionnaires were inimical to the interests of the United States originally arose. Giordano, a prospective U.S. immigrant, was one of the first 16 Legionnaires residing in the British zone of Germany whose cases were suddenly suspended pending further study. Each one of the Legionnaires was then interrogated in the DP Processing Center Bentorf, British Zone Germany.

2. When Giordano was interrogated he apparently realized that his service with the German Abwehr would certainly be discovered and cause him to be rejected from immigrating to the US. As the interrogation progressed his nervousness increased until he reached a point where he could no longer control his emotions and began to weep. To persons who have not dealt with Displaced Persons and have not interrogated them on points which would either permit or prohibit entrance into the US such emotional action would appear quite reasonable, especially when one would consider all the hardships that the displaced persons have suffered in the past 16 years. However, the undersigned has interrogated countless Legionnaires and other displaced persons - some, to whom Giordano's "fate" under the Germans would have seemed like a Utopia, - but seldom has the undersigned witnessed such emotional reaction as Giordano displayed during the initial as well as subsequent interrogations.

3. In approximately May 1950, the undersigned heard the rumor that Daniel L. Gibson, Chief Investigator of the Displaced Persons Commission Hamburg, Germany brought Giordano's case to the attention of ZACAB-1, in Frankfurt, and had contacted [] with whom he had talked about the subject and his possible utilization. Giordano's desire to join ZACAB-1 is known to the following former or present DP Commission personnel: Robert G. Prints, investigator, presently in Bentorf/Hamburg; Joseph E. Quin, presently in Washington employed by the Atomic Energy Commission; Harold Thain, at present in Oklahoma; Richard D. Juppert, at present Vice Consul, in Hamburg; William E. Hurley, deceased; Ernest E. Acker presently with NCFE, N.Y.; Herbert Milbrink, whereabouts unknown, presumably in the US; Edgar Wenger and Joseph E. Halpern, investigators, at present employed by DP Commission Bentorf/Hamburg, Germany.

4. The above data is furnished for your information and guidance.

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